

June 26 2006; Agenda Item No. 13

Resolution No. 06-53

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A TERM  
EXTENSION AND AUGMENTATION OF GRANT AGREEMENT SMM-0482 WITH THE  
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR  
INTERPRETATION OF LAND, AIR, AND WATER RESOURCES AT UPPER  
LAS VIRGENES CANYON OPEN SPACE PRESERVE, TEMESCAL GATEWAY  
PARK, FRANKLIN CANYON PARK, MENTRYVILLE, TOWSLEY  
CANYON, AND RAMIREZ CANYON

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 5096.650(b) of the Public Resources Code provides funding to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for grants related to the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, Section 5096.605 (c) of the Public Resources Code provides that "development" includes, but is not limited to, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, preservation, protection, and interpretation; and

WHEREAS, Section 5096.605 (j) of the Public Resources Code provides that "preservation" means identification, evaluation, recordation, documentation, interpretation, protection, rehabilitation, restoration, stabilization, development, and reconstruction, or any combination of those activities; and

WHEREAS, the interpretation of land, air, and water resources is critical to the park visitor experience; and

WHEREAS, the staff report dated June 26, 2006 further describes the project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the environmental impact report provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

2. AUTHORIZES an augmentation of grant agreement SMM-0482 with Proposition 40 funds in the amount not to exceed \$550,000 to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the interpretation of land, air, and water resources at Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, Temescal Gateway Park, Franklin Canyon Park, Mentryville, Towsley Canyon, Ramirez Canyon and any other park under the jurisdiction of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.
3. AUTHORIZES a term extension to June 30, 2008.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated June 26, 2006 for this item.
5. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

*~ End of Resolution ~*

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 26th day of June 2006 at Burbank, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director